1	2	3	4
5.	Tamil Nadu	2000-2007 (up to March, 2007)	26
6.	Punjab*	2004	11
		2005	6
		2006	3
7.	Gujarat	2004	7
		2005	125

* The information reported *vide* State Government letter No. 4/39/06, Agri. 2(10)/7257 dt. 21.03.06 relates to the cotton belt of Punjab. Government of Punjab has also reported *vide* their letter No. 4/15/07-Agri.2(10)/3943 dt. 11.05.07, that number of suicides due to debt burden in the year 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 was 2, nil, 3 and 3 respectively.

NB 1: Nil report has been received from the States namely, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Goa, Haryana, Sikkim, J & K, Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur and Rajasthan and all UTs.

Implementation of revised enhanced storage rates in Andhra Pradesh

810. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the General Manager of Food Corporation of India (FCI), Andhra Pradesh region has not implemented the revised enhanced storage rates in Andhra Pradesh, whereas all other regional offices of FCI have been paying the enhanced rates to all other State Warehousing Corporations and also to the Central Warehousing Corporation for godowns constructed under the seven year guarantee scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to pay the revised storage rates to the Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation with effect from 1st April, 2002; and

(d) if so, by when orders in this regard is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In all the States the storage charges for the godowns hired under seven year guarantee scheme are being paid by FCI as per the following formula:

"Basic rent charges as per agreement between SWC and the investor + actual maintenance (cost of dunnage, locks, computer, stationery, telephone, staff, sweepers/casual labours, etc). + disinfestations charges on the stocks held, incurred by SWC/reimbursed by the SWC to the investors + 15% supervisory charges".

(c) and (d) The APSWC has been asked to submit their final accounts for item-wise expenditure incurred in such godowns. However, they have provided the provisional accounts only. Accordingly, they are being paid at the rate of Rs. 1.27 paise per 50 kg. bag/per month.

National policy on farmers

811. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has released the country's first ever National Policy on Farmers;